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22. DETAILS: 1. ~~(C)~~ The US Embassy Buenos Aires Regional Security Officer recently had a conversation with the head of the Argentine Federal Police Explosives Department, Comisario Inspector Agustin MARTINI. Inspector MARTINI told the US officer that, in general, the level of terrorist bombings has recently decreased. He believes that the guerrilla effort is now focused on using explosives against industrial targets. The inspector added that the terrorists, particularily the Montoneros, have developed increased sophistication over past months, using radio controlled coded sending and receiving devices to activate firing mechanisms. He stated that they are using this technology to prevent electronic scanners from detecting the frequency of the detonating device.

2. ~~(C)~~ Additionally, it was revealed that the terrorists have increased their capability to produce explosives. The most recent addition is a plastique which they have been using quite frequently. The plastique is reportedly made in small Montonero workshops and is far superior to the explosive materials used in the past. A plastique bomb was the type recently found in the Ministry of Labor and had to be detonated since the radio controlled firing device could not be disarmed.

COMMENT: ~~(C)~~ In spite of continued government pressure on guerrillas, they continue to operate. They obviously are opening new arms factories even though the military has seriously interrupted the terrorist infrastructure. The Montoneros have and probably will continue to maintain the capability to carry out bombing attacks on selected targets for months and perhaps years to come. The appearance of plastique and sophisticated electronic detonating devices increases that capability. Their ability to trigger explosives with coded radio signals will make it easier for them to place their bombs in advance and detonate them from remote locations.

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